**Hannah**

Boko Haram stormed into my house on the night of the twenty-eighth of September, 2013. I was in a deep sleep. They asked my sister, mother, and I to come outside.... They asked our names and upon hearing our Christian names they decided to take me away. I am the daughter of a pastor, and at the time I was only fourteen years old.... Once I reached the camp, I was forced to join Islam, given a new name, and then married to one man. I managed to escape one night with two other girls. I am still struggling with the memories, but I am trying to focus and to continue with school and become a business woman.”

**Martha**

“On the seventh of September, 2014, while I was travelling to a wedding I was captured by Boko Haram. They killed my brother-in-law and my sister’s fiancé. They carried me and my two sisters to their camp in Gulak. I stayed there for four months. I suffered greatly during this time. Sometimes, there was not enough food and I hardly bathed. They told me not to walk around outside, and when I did they would beat me. They told me not to talk, and I would talk, so they would beat me. They told me not to sing; I would sing, and they would beat me…. I still think about the experience all the time. When I sing in my tribal language I forget, but if I sit quietly I remember everything and will just cry.

**Markus**

“I was involved in a bad road accident in 2012. My leg was severely injured and doctors wanted to amputate it. I spent the next eighteen months in and out of hospitals across the country, trying to find a surgeon that could properly fix my leg. In January, 2014, I was on my way to the hospital again after Christmas celebrations. While travelling, Boko Haram had blocked the road. They stopped the car. I was abducted that day along with an old pastor from the south. The Boko Haram members knew we were Christians. They decided to keep us in the camp to bring us out of the darkness and teach us the Koran. A few Boko Haram members that could speak English would teach us scriptures every day. We wanted to escape, but the pastor was elderly and I could not run because I am permanently on crutches. Sometimes new captives would be brought to the camp and killed right in front of us.”

**Blessing**

At about 8 P.M. on the thirtieth of September, 2013, Boko Haram came into my brother’s room and shot him. They took his wife and put a gun to her head. They asked for all the ladies in the house to come outside. They took me away with my sister and sister-in-law. When we reached the Boko Haram camp, they asked me to denounce Christ and accept Islam; if not they will slaughter me. Out of fear I agreed, and then they gave me a hijab to wear. After converting, I was made to marry an insurgent called Abul. I suffered so much during the three weeks in that camp. While Boko Haram were outside gathering ammunitions, a wife of one commander showed me how to escape. I ran away to safety with two other girls.”

**Hauwa**

“In 2009, during a crisis in Maiduguri City, my friend and I were taken by my mother’s friend who lived nearby. The woman and her husband were Boko Haram members. The wife locked us inside her house and wanted us to become her ‘Muslim daughters.’ The woman tried to force me to convert to Islam and change my name; when I refused, I would be severely beaten. After one week, while the woman was in the house, my friend held a brick and hit the lady in the head, and then we grabbed the house key and locked the woman inside. I ran away back to my house only to discover my father had just been killed during the crisis. The lady’s husband impregnated my friend who was with me, so now she has a child born to a Boko Haram member.”

**Lydia**

I was travelling on a public bus after paying my school fees on the seventh of May, 2013. While on the road, a Boko Haram member stopped and entered the vehicle. Everyone was telling me to say I’m a Muslim, otherwise I will be killed. We entered a Boko Haram camp in the Sambisa forest. I stayed there for three days and each night we would sleep under big trees…. Eventually some insurgents asked which village I was from and realized they knew my father’s brother. So they decided to let me go, and dropped me off at a main road. They made me wear a hijab and gave me two thousand naira…. I burnt my hijab after I escaped.”

**Ladi**

“I was abducted from my home town of Gwoza in 2013 while farming. I spent three months in a Boko Haram camp. They were about to slaughter me by slitting my throat. One of them begged me not to resist, so I relented and converted to Islam. I read from a Koran, and they put a veil on me…. One day, I pretended to have stomach pains, so an old lady escorted me to a nearby hospital. Once we were in the town, I threatened to turn her in to police, so she ran and left me there. That is how I escaped.

**Mairama**

“Boko Haram attacked my village and came to my house in the night of September 30, 2013. I was sent to a camp in the Gwoza hills, where I spent three weeks. I would fetch water and cook for the insurgents and spent a lot of time sad and crying. They arranged for me to marry, but I refused to sleep with the man, so he threatened he would kill me next time. One night, a wife of one of the commanders showed the path to escape, so me and two other girls spent two days walking and running through the bush until we reached a safe city. It was just the grace of God that saved me. I am now back in school and would like to become a nurse one day.”

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